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PRESS-RELEASE

Exhibition Title: "POSEIDON"

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Associate Director
Shirin Neshat

Artist: Steve Barry
Date: October 14–November 12
Opening Reception: Friday Oct. 14, 7–9 pm

Steve Barry's viewer activated machines are always a little unnerving. They attempt to suspend aesthetic judgment in favor of promoting a self consciousness in the viewer. These works, referred to by the artist as "mechanical performances", remain static until signaled by the presence of an individual. The viewer is then responded to by an array of mechanical motion, cinematic image, and sometimes audio effects. Temporarily, one is confronted, manipulated, or integrated with this activity, making the viewer-object relationship more experiential than voyeuristic.

"POSEIDON" is an installation that was designed in direct response to the STOREFRONT's unique architectural format. The long triangular shape of the space, suggested to the artist the relative increase in scale of a projected image over distance. The machine consists of a series of screens of proportionate sizes mounted on a long horizontal shaft. When a viewer mounts the platform at the end of the piece, the shaft begins to turn bringing the adjacent screens progressively into the line of projection. The film image of a groping hand seems to move through space towards the viewer, achieving monstrous proportion, like an in-coming wave. The platform also rocks to enhance the effect of being on the ocean. For this piece the artist has collaborated on the audio with Jonathan Rosen.

Steve Barry is the two time recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and is an adjunct instructor at Hunter College. He has exhibited extensively in alternative spaces throughout the New York area. He is a member of Parabola Arts Foundation Inc., who sponsored this project with a grant from the New York State council for the Arts for film installation, and funds from Art matters Inc. Also Steve Barry is a 1988 Artists' Fellowship recipient of the New York Foundation for the Arts, This presentation is co-sponsored by Artists and Audiences, a public service program of the New York Foundation for the Arts.

For further information please contact Kyong Park or Shirin Neshat at 212-431-5795.

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cinematic and industrial materials.

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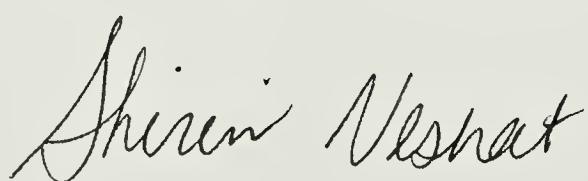
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Address: 97 Kenmare St. (at Lafayette)

Gallery Hours: Wed. - Sun 12-6 pm

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Thank you.



Shirin Neshat
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Kyong Park
The Storefront for Art and Architecture
Kenmare St. New York

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Dear Kyong & Shireen ,

Hope you guys are having a nice summer.
Here is a photograph of "Poseidon" for you to add to my portfolio. Also there are some photo-copies of most of the printed matter on me to date. I will be going up to ARTPARK for the entire month of July, so I thought I would give you this information in case you might need it during this time period.
Remember, any press releases etc. must be credited : Sponsored by Parabola Arts Foundation Inc.
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(And I would like to discuss with you the possibility of using this show as my community service project for The New York Foundation for the Arts. In that case you would also include NYFA in the funding list.)
Also in any advertisements credit should be given to Jonathan Rosen, he will be doing the sound for the piece.

Also Lyna Shirley at Parabola asked me if she could have 75- 100 extra copies of the newsletter for the show, so she could send them out to their members . I'm sure I will be speaking to you before the time comes that most of this will be necessary to deal with, but I guess I'm just trying to tie up the loose ends before I leave. I hope you both have a great July, and I'll talk to you when I get back. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Steve Barry

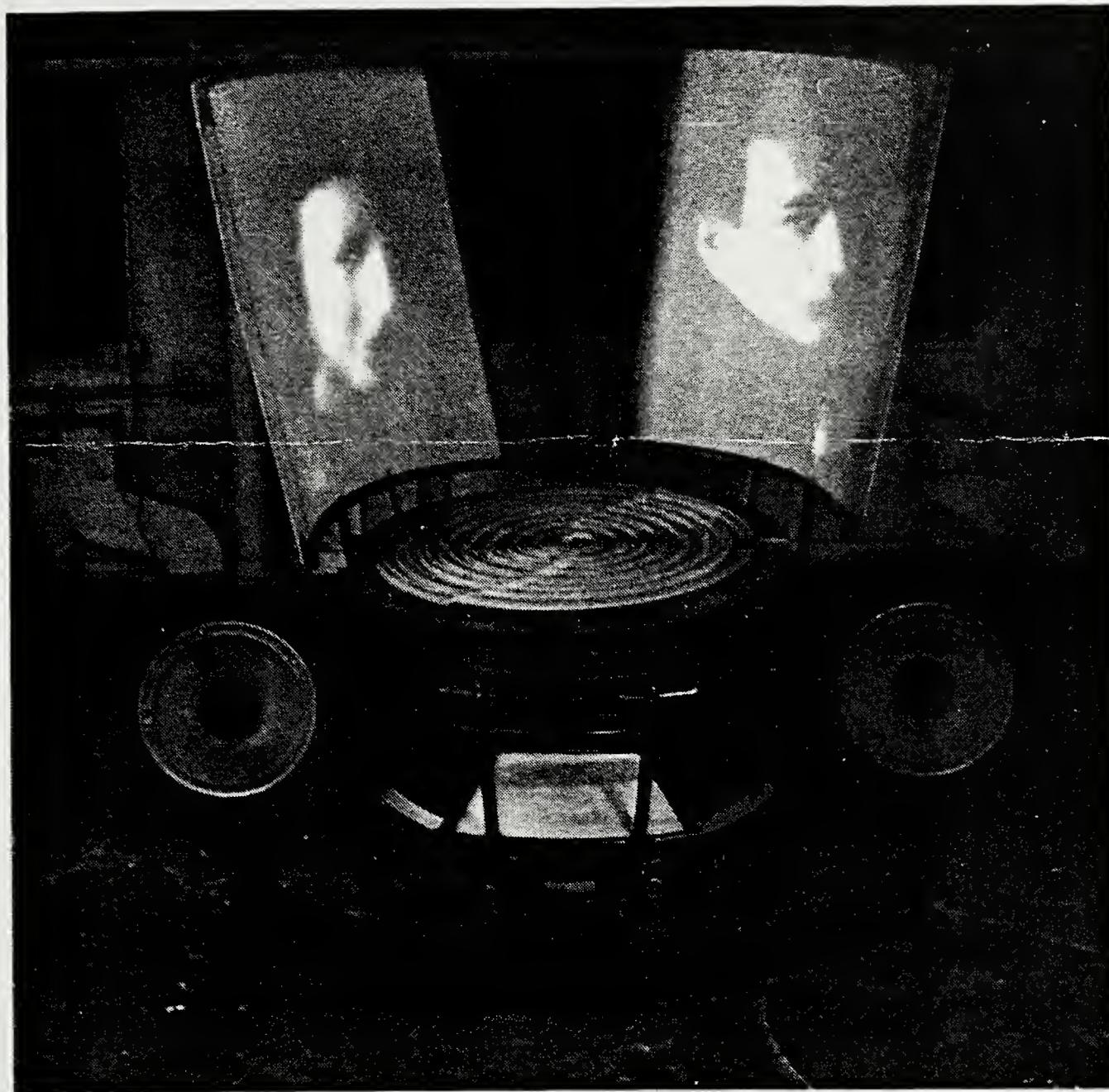
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1986

The Sirens

STARRING:

Robert John

Tina Esper

original soundtrack music:

Robert John

STEVE BARRY The Clocktower

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